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SAMPSON'S BIG GUNS THUNDERED!

MORRO FORT A HEAP OF RUINS.

Fighting Bob Evans of the Iowa Has His Chance.

San Juan Bombarded and Porto Rico Now at Sampson's Mercy.

SPANISH CABINET GOES TO PIECES AND A NEW MINIS- TRY FORMED--CAPE VERDE FLEET AT MARTINIQUE.

Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, May 13, 1 a. m.--Special--Admiral Sampson's fleet bombarded San Juan, Porto Rico, to-day.

The shelling of the city began this morning.

Just before sun up the American fleet, of nine war ships, appeared opposite San Juan. The first shot was fired by the Iowa, Fighting Bob Evans, ship.

The shot took effect.

The Indiana then opened with her heavy guns and in a few minutes all of the American vessels were sending shells into the Spanish works. Morro fort was soon a heap of ruins. There was but a feeble response from the fort and the Spanish guns were silenced in an incredibly short time.

The Spanish steamer, Rita, was captured by the United States auxiliary cruiser Yale, with crew on board.

Thousands of the population and foreign Consuls sought refuge during the bombardment in the interior of the island.

Porto Rico Bombarded.

Washington, D. C., May 12.--(Special).--Dispatches received at the State Department this afternoon from St. Thomas, say that the fortifications of San Juan, Porto Rico, are being crumbled by shells from Admiral Sampson's fleet. A terrific fire has been kept up steadily for more than two hours with fearful effect. The speedy capitulation of the city is inevitable.

Spanish Cabinet Officers Resign.

Madrid, May 12.--(Special).--It is said that Senor Mozet, Secretary for Colonies; Senor Gullon, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Senor Bermejo, Minister of Marine, and Count Signena, Minister of Public Works, have resigned from the Cabinet. The retiring ministers gave various excuses, such as "illness," "weariness," etc. It is believed that at to-night's Cabinet meeting the resignations will be definitely announced.

New Ministry Formed.

Madrid, May 13, 1 a. m.--(Special).--The expected cabinet crisis came to-night and the resignation of the ministers were accepted. The new ministry will be formed immediately. According to the latest forecast its personnel will be as follows: Sagasta, prime minister; Drouot, minister of Foreign Affairs; Gounod, minister of marine; Romeo Giron, minister of justice; Duke of Veragua (ascendant of Columbus) minister of public works and agriculture and commerce.

The new cabinet will be formally constituted Saturday. The changes are considered pacific in tendency. Gullon was the most war-like member of the retiring cabinet.

Cape Verde Fleet Located.

Madrid, May 12.--(Special).--Minister Bermejo admitted this evening that the Cape Verde squadron is now at Port De France, Martinique, southwest of Porto Rico. If this is true the Spanish fleet is directly in the pathway of the Oregon coming northward.

Latest Reliable News From Dewey.

Washington, May 12.--(Special).--The following dispatch, which was received by Secretary Long late this afternoon, shows that cable communication with Manila has been restored, and that Admiral Dewey has control of it.

"Hong Kong, May 12.--Secretary of the Navy: There is little change in the situation since my last telegram. I am transferring to transports all breech-loading rifles from sunken Spanish men-of-war, also stores and arsenal in my possession. I am maintaining strict blockade. Add to list of destroyed vessels. El Correo is probably El Cano. Signed) DEWEY."

Fresh Fears of Spanish Ships.

Holmsmouth, N. H., May 12.--(Special).--Rear Admiral Carpenter is

here expecting Spanish warships to appear off the coast of New England. War vessels are believed to be off Nantucket.

The Powers to Intervene.

London, May 12.--(Special).--The evening newspapers here say on what they claim is authoritative sources, that the powers are determined to prevent the United States from carrying the war into European waters.

They say further that Manila escaped bombardment at the hands of Dewey's fleet, through the active intervention of the German Consul acting under the direct instructions of the Emperor.

It is thought that the United States will not be permitted to acquire such strength in the far East as is involved in the occupation of the Philippine islands.

No Interference Has Been Attempted.

Washington, D. C., May 12.--(Special).--It is stated authoritatively at the State Department that there is no truth whatever in the allegation that three European arbitrators have made friendly representations against the extension of the war in the Philippines.

Lieut. Bernadou Tells of the Fight.

Key West, May 12.--(Special).--Lieut. Bernadou says of the engagement:

We went in under a full headway of speed to attack the Spanish gunboats at Cardenas harbor, under orders from the Wilmington. One boat was badly damaged and is brought here for repairs. I think she will be ready for sea again in two weeks. The Winslow suffered most. Five of her crew were killed. The number of injured has not been ascertained.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Destroys a Great Grain Elevator in Chicago.

Was Used By Armour As a Warehouse--Loss Fully Covered By Insurance.

Chicago, Ill., May 12.--Grain elevator "D," belonging to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Losses on building and contents will aggregate about \$1,200,000. The elevator contained 1,115,000 bushels of grain, valued at \$890,000, the property of P. D. Armour. The grain was full insured.

The fire was a most exciting one. Railroad employees, with a bravery approaching recklessness, took switch engines on the side track leading between the blazing lumber piles, and, coupling to standing freight cars, dragged them blazing from the heart of the conflagration.

Elevator "D," which was used by P. D. Armour as a store-house, contained 1,115,000 bushels of grain as follows: One hundred thousand bushels of wheat, 626,000 bushels of corn, 200,000 bushels of oats, 150,000 bushels of flax, 40,000 bushels of rye.

Armours, loss on grain will foot up \$890,000, fully covered by insurance. The elevator was valued at \$285,000, and was also insured.

ENSIGN WORTH BAGLEY.

One of the Best Known Men Who Ever Came From the Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., May 12.--Ensign Worth Bagley was one of the best-known men who ever came out of the Naval Academy. Ensign Bagley graduated finally from the academy in June last. He was a bright and capable man. His local fame was chiefly on the athletic field, being the full-back of the academy eleven, and he played in the series of West Point and Naval Academy games.

BASE BALL.

(Special.)

St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 8.
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Pittsburg 2, Louisville 3.
Chicago 4, Cleveland 12.
Boston 15, Baltimore 6.
Washington 16, Philadelphia 7.
New York 6, Brooklyn 3.

SPY'S SUICIDE.

Towel and Silk Handkerchief Were What He Used.

Wednesday He Gave Evidence Of Breaking Down, Collapsed And Wept.

Washington, May 12.--George Downing, alias Rawlings, the man arrested last Sunday under suspicion of being a spy in the service of Spain, hanged himself at the Washington barracks to-day shortly after 9 o'clock. A towel and silk handkerchief were used as the instruments of death.

Yesterday Downing gave evidence of breaking down, and after speaking of his coming trial, the certainty of conviction and his lack of friends he collapsed and wept.

He was arrested Saturday night by Chief Wilkie, and a search of his rooms revealed evidence which those who made the arrest expressed confidence would convict him.

Polo to Leave To-morrow.

Montreal, Que., May 12.--Senor Polo and his party have declined all social attentions owing to the



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news from Manila. It is probable that the party will sail for home on Saturday.

Church Social.

The Children's Mission Band of the Universalist church will give a social at the residence of Polk Cansler on Fourteenth street. Ice cream and cake will be served to all desiring it at a cost of ten cents. A pleasant time is anticipated and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

AMERICAN BLOOD SPILLED IN BATTLE.

Fierce Fighting at Cardenas Between Hostile Vessels.

ENSIGN BAGLEY AND FOUR SAILORS DIE ON DECK OF THEIR SHIP.

Torpedo Boat Winslow Seriously Damaged--Graphic Description of the Terrific Engagement.

Key West, Fla., May 12.--(Special).--There was an engagement off Cardenas, near Matanzas, yesterday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The United States Cruiser, Wilmington, commander C. C. Todd; the torpedo boat Winslow and the auxiliary gunboat, Hudson, were engaged. One officer and four men were killed and several were wounded.

The dead are:
ENSIGN WORTH BAGLEY.
JOHN VARVERES, OILER.
E. JOSIAH TUNNELL, CABIN COOK.
G. B. V. MEEKS, FIREMAN.
J. DANIEL, FIREMAN.

The engagement took place inside the harbor of Cardenas. The gunboat Wilmington, the torpedo-boat Winslow and the gunboat Hudson were the only vessels engaged. They entered the harbor for the purpose of attacking some Spanish gunboats which were known to be there. These latter, however, were not discovered by the American force until the Spaniards opened fire. The land batteries of Cardenas supported the fire of the Spanish gunboats.

The engagement commenced at 2:05 p. m., and lasted for about an hour.

The wounded are:
R. E. COX, gunner's mate.
D. M'KEON, quartermaster.
J. PATTERSON, fireman.
F. FRAY.
LIEUT. J. B. BERNADON.
All are slightly wounded except Patterson, whose condition is serious.

Ensign Worth Bagley was appointed from North Carolina on September 7, 1891.

The battle while it lasted was terrific. The Wilmington and the Hudson were ahead and opened fire on the Spanish boats which were lying at the docks.

The firing began at a range of 3,500 yards. A few minutes later the Winslow came up and also opened fire. In an instant the entire attention of the Spanish gunboats and land batteries was directed upon her. From all sides shot and shell poured upon the little torpedo-boat.

The Wilmington and the Hudson still kept up their fire, but they could not turn aside the terrible storm of fire and death pouring in upon the torpedo boat.

The crew of the Winslow, however, never faltered for a second. At 2:25 p. m. a solid shell crashed into the hull of the Winslow and knocked out her boiler. In an instant she began to roll and drift helplessly.

Then there was a moment of awful suspense. A fierce cheer of triumph went up from the Spaniards on the gunboats and in the batteries, and again a storm of fire was opened upon the hapless boat.

The gunboat Hudson, which was lying nearby, started to the assistance of the Winslow. She ran alongside the torpedo-boat and tried to throw a line to the imperiled crew.

Up to this time, with the exception of one shot, which disabled the boiler of the Winslow, the firing of the Spanish gunboats had been wild, but as the Winslow lay rolling in the water, the range grew closer and shells began to explode about her.

Ensign Bagley and six men were standing in a group on the deck of the Winslow.

The line was thrown, and at the same instant a shell burst in the very midst of the group of men on board the Winslow.

Finally the Hudson succeeded in getting a line on board the Winslow and was towing her out of the deadly range when the line parted and again both boats were at the mercy of the Spanish fire.

At 3:30 p. m., the Hudson managed to get another line in the decks of the Winslow, but there were only three men left at that time to make it fast. The line was finally secured and the Winslow was towed up to Pedras Islands, where she was anchored with her dead and wounded on her deck.

The Winslow's Dead.

Key West, May 12.--(Special).--The Winslow's dead arrived here this afternoon and are now lying at an undertaker's establishment. They show fearful wounds. No orders have been received as to the disposition of the bodies.

Forts Were Destroyed.

Capt. Hutchins, of the Hudson, says: "The American boats at Cardenas destroyed the barracks near the water and a large part of the town. One gunboat and two torpedo boats were also destroyed. The Spanish had masked batteries hidden in the bushes behind the houses."

A Spanish Steamer Stranded.

Wilmington, D. C., May 12.--(Special).--A large white steamship flying the Spanish flag, is stranded near here.

War Revenue Bill Reported.

Washington, May 12.--(Special).--Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, reported the War Revenue bill this afternoon on behalf of the minority. Majority report authorizes issuance of \$150,000,000.